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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE & INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Sir:

With respect to the Examiner's statements in para. 6, page 11 of the 6/16/08 Notice of Allowability, applicants refer the PTO to additional patentability reasons at pages 10-11 of their 1/31/08 submission. Furthermore, with respect to the Examiner's statements in para. 7, pages 11-12, applicants state that to the extent, if any, that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are inconsistent with, add or omit claim limitations, it is applicants' claims that define the invention(s).

Additionally, for completeness, further to applicants' 8/5/04 IDS concerning Graff appl'n no. 10/015,258 (now US Patent No. 7,152,044), USPTO PAIR shows additional pending Graff appl'n no. 10/611,305 filed 6/30/03 (unpublished) and appl'n no. 11/088,419 filed 3/24/05 (published). Graff's published application's file history includes a 3/24/05 paper identifying the present application "in order to comply with the sections of the C.F.R. concerning interference". A more recent (3/13/08) paper requests an interference with applicants' issued US Patent No. 6,161,099.

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